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TO MEET INCREASED FOOD DEMAND
BY HIGHER PRODUCTION UNDER CONTRACT

WILL EXPAND CONTRACT SYSTEM -- Rzeczpospolita, No 262, 23 Sep 49

Higher per-capita food consumption is one of the symptoms of improved welfare. Whereas the annual per-capita consumption of sugar is 8 kilograms in the current year, it is expected that the figure will be 30 kilograms in 1955. The demand for wheat flour and its products, edible oils, etc., is also constantly increasing, calling for an increased supply of these and other food commodities.

The means of obtaining higher food production is agriculture under contract. Main objects of this program are: supply of raw material for the agricultural products industry and for exports, the stabilization of supply and prices according to the production plan of industry, and the realization of realization of the government's political program. Work under contract is an important element of planned agriculture, which assures profitable operation of small and medium size farms, and increases labor productivity in farms located in overcrowded areas.

Agricultural crops produced under contract at present are: sugar beets, onions for export, winter rape, flax, hemp, and osier. Planting under contract this year comprises the following areas: sugar beets, about 255,000 hectares; chicory, 7,177, and peas, 3,900.

Cultivation of the above crops has exceeded the planned area; the same is true of winter rape, potatoes for processing, etc.

Livestock, this year, has also been raised under contract in the following quantities: 1,300,000 porkers and 250,000 bacon hogs.

This year's fall sowing, included in the Six-Year Plan, has shown that the campaign for contract farming has found wide acceptance. A number of crops have been newly adopted for contract farming: onion seed, wheat, buckwheat, potatoes for consumption, vetch, sunflower fodder, fodder beet seed, clover seed and medicinal herb seeds, vegetable seeds, etc. In 1950, the area included in the

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program will comprize 3 million hectares and include many varieties which have not heretofore been produced domestically. Livestock and poultry raising under contract will be substantially increased under the Plan.

Generally speaking, 75 percent of the most essential products or of those in short supply will be produced under the new system.

EXTENDS CREDITS TO SMALL FARMERS - Trybuna Ludu, No 262, 23 Sep 49

In the current quarter the National Agricultural Bank will extend short-term credits (up to 9 months), amounting to 200 million zlotys, to small and medium-size farmers for the purchase of agricultural equipment. Individual credits will amount to 40,000 zlotys, and funds will be allocated to every powiat by wojewodztwo committees. Special privileges will be allowed to activists, widows of murdered members of the ORO (Volunteer Reserve of the Citizens' Militia), and victims of natural disasters.

RUSSIANS DEMONSTRATE DISINFECTING METHODS - Rzeczpospolita, No 261, 22 Sep 49

Prof G. A. Chigaryev of Leningrad University and Prof A. Markovets, specialist in plant preservation, have visited grain mills and warehouses throughout Poland and demonstrated the latest methods of killing grain and flour pests with dichloroethane gas.

MILLION HECTARES UNDER CONTRACT - Zycie Warszawy, No 262, 23 Sep 49

Agricultural production under the Six-Year Plan will extend contract farming to almost all crops and livestock. In 1955, 50 varieties of plants will be produced under contract on an area measuring 9 million hectares; 70 percent of all agricultural commodities for consumers which will be included in this type of production will take care of the growing market demand. In this way, supply will be stabilized on a permanent basis of planned economy.

NIGHT FISHING FOR HAKE - Rzeczpospolita, No 26, 17 Sep 49

It has been estimated that night fishing, permitting 24-hour operation in good weather, can increase results by 25 percent for the season. Experiments in this direction were started by Antoni Brzozowski, skipper of the small cutter Gdyl-47. According to him fishing grounds yielding 5 - 8 tons a day have netted only a few fish by night, because fish apparently seek higher levels after sunset; dragnets in deep waters have thus yielded scarcely anything at night.

On the principle that fish are attracted by light, Brzozowski used dragnets with a lighted bulb placed at some distance. After many attempts the experiments finally were successful; one catch of 4 hours brought 1 - 2 tons of hake. The problem of placing electric light bulbs in deep waters was solved by using preserving jars. These, however, had little resistance to pressure and were replaced with large glass vinegar jars.

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